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As personally submitted yesterday, there was an enquiry from the Residency for information about the practice obtaining here in regard to the mode of addressing persons holding titles conferred by His Highness the Maharaja.

On an examination of the papers available in the office, I find that the practice in this respect has not been uniform. A collection of Valedictory Orders issued from 1901 up to date, placing on record the services rendered by several high officers to the State, is put up herewith. It is seen that the prefix "Mr" has been generally used in referring to holders of British Indian as well as State Titles, except in two notifications issued in 1924 wherein "Mr" is omitted. A few sample envelopes, with the addresses of officers printed thereon, that have been from time to time in use in the Secretariat, are also placed below. The suffix "Esq" has been used in these in addition to the State titles. The practice at present is to use "Mr" or "Esq" along with Indian or State titles.

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On a reference to the Fort St. George Gazette and the Gazette of India, I find that while in Madras the prefix "M.R.Ry" is used along with titles like "Rao Saheb" and "Rao Bahadur", the practice of the Government of India is to omit "Mr" along with Indian titles.

It seems desirable to secure uniformity in this connection and place the matter beyond doubt. If I

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may venture to do so, I beg to submit that "Mr" or "Esquire" may be omitted in the case of recipients of Gandabherunda titles (or British Indian titles) as the titles specially conferred by His Highness should be considered as of a higher order than "Mr" or "Esquire" which are of ordinary use.

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Dewan) The existing practice MS 2618 of adding Esq a Mr may have to continue

SO 29/8 MS 2918

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Asst 31/8

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